STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PL-03
COMMITTEE:	Policy and Legislative Committee
DATE:	August 9, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Proposed Amendments to the State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-279 (R.43-279), Minimum Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Enforcement Procedures to be Implemented by Local School Districts (First Reading)

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

This item proposes amendments to R.43-279.

CRITICAL FACTS

SBE R.43-279 establishes expectations for student conduct in South Carolina and outlines possible sanctions. The amendment is being proposed to improve the consistency of language used by educators and law enforcement officials and clarify the types of infractions associated with each level of misconduct and the range of acceptable consequences or sanctions.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

• June 24, 2016	Drafting Notice printed in *State Register*.
• July 25, 2016	Written comments are due.
• August 9, 2016	R.43-279, Minimum Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Enforcement Procedures to be Implemented by Local School Districts, submitted to the Policy and Legislative Committee for first reading review and approval to the SBE (First Reading).
• September 26, 2016	Written comments are due.
• October 11, 2016	SBE public hearing and promulgation of the amendments to R.43-279 (Second Reading).
• January 10, 2017	Submit amendments to R.43-279 to the General Assembly.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: None
FUND/SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: ⊠ yes ☐ no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments:
Attachment 1: R.43-279, Minimum Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Enforcement Procedures to be Implemented by Local School Districts

Attachment 2: J Gupta-Kagan's comments on SBE proposed regulations, R.43-279 and R.43-210 (comments on both regulations are throughout the document)

RECOMMENDATION

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve amendments to R.43-279, Minimum Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Enforcement Procedures to be Implemented by Local School Districts (First Reading).

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: ⊠   FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ☐